

REMARKS:

I. Introduction

Prior to examination of this application, it is requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and considered by the Examiner.

II. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended; Claims 2-6 have been deleted; and Claims 8-9 have been added. Claims 1 and 7-9 are now pending with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

III. Amendments to The Specification

Responsive to the rejections noted in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant submits a substitute specification (Attachment A) as well as a marked up version (Attachment B). No new matter is submitted. The substitute specification replaces the specification filed October 30, 2006 (Corrected English translation).

The substitute specification places the specification in proper form per U.S. practice and corrects grammatical and typographical errors in the translation. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the substitute specification.

IV. Amendments to The Claims

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the claims as filed with the October 30, 2006 translation are amended. The amendments clarify the scope of the claims as well as correct grammatical and typographical errors.

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendment prior to examination on the record.

V. Conclusion

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (124165.00101). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.36 (a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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